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2. [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WERE

URGING GENERAL LEIGH TO CALL FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE JUNTA.

[REDACTED] SAID THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WERE ARGUING THAT LEIGH SHOULD NOT
CALL FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE JUNTA AT THIS TIME, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ARGUES

THAT IT IS PRECISELY BECAUSE OF PINOCHET'S POOR LEADERSHIP THAT
THE COUNTRY FINDS ITSELF ISOLATED AND UNDER ATTACK FROM ALL SIDES.

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5. (EMBASSY COMMENT: GENERAL LEIGH'S REPORTED COMMENTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH HIS GENERAL LINE OF RECENT MONTHS. BUT WE THINK IT UNLIKELY HE WILL CALL PUBLICLY FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE JUNTA UNTIL OR UNLESS THE OUTCOME OF THE LETELIER INVESTIGATION, AND REACTIONS WITHIN THE CHILEAN MILITARY, BECOME MORE CLEARLY DEFINED. PRESUMABLY LEIGH SEES A CALL FOR JUNTA DISSOLUTION AS A MEANS OF OUSTING PINOCHET--NOT JUST HIMSELF, MERINO AND MENDOZA.)

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